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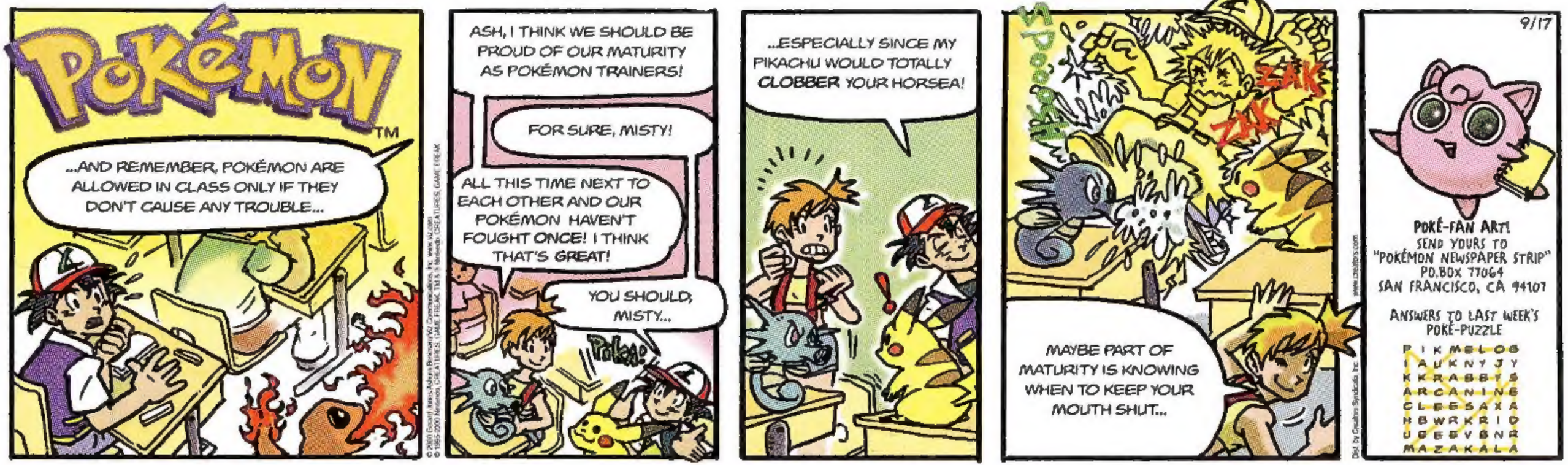

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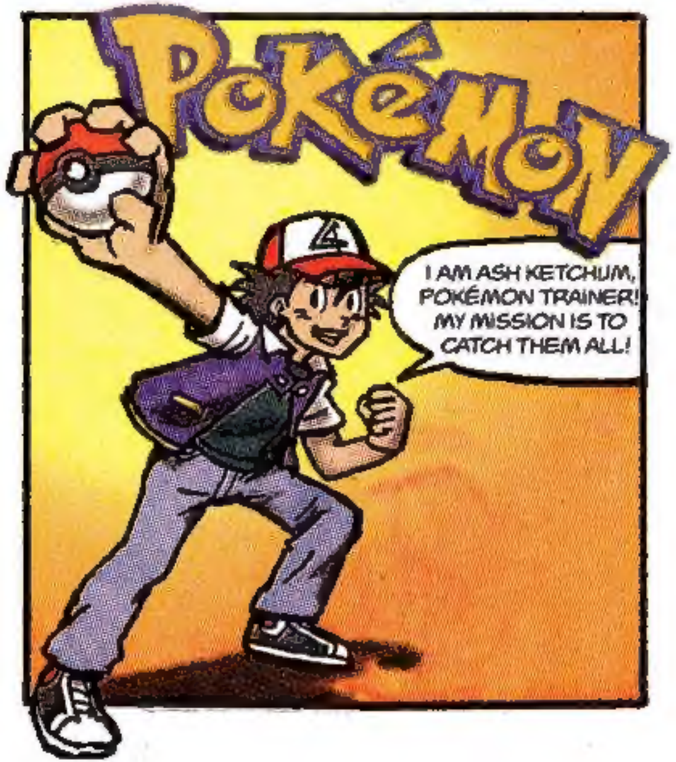

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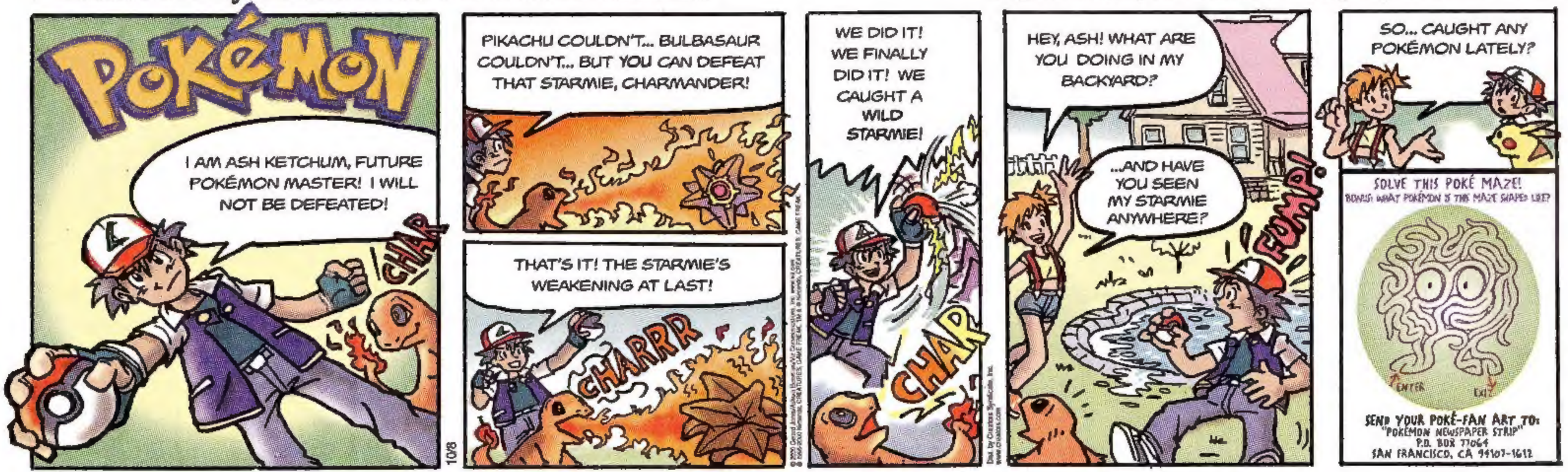
POKéMON
I AM ASH KETCHUM, FUTURE POKÉMON MASTER! I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!
CHAR
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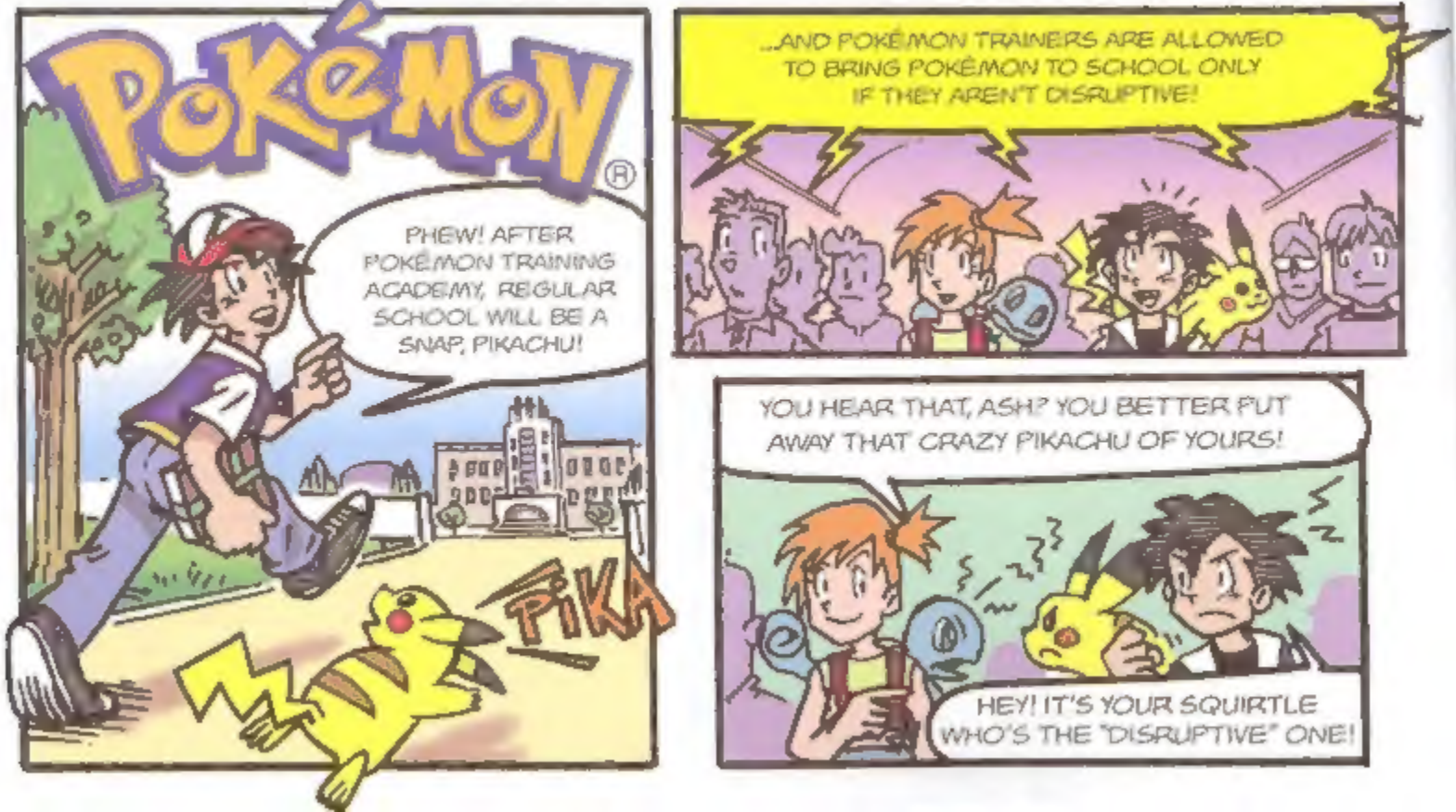
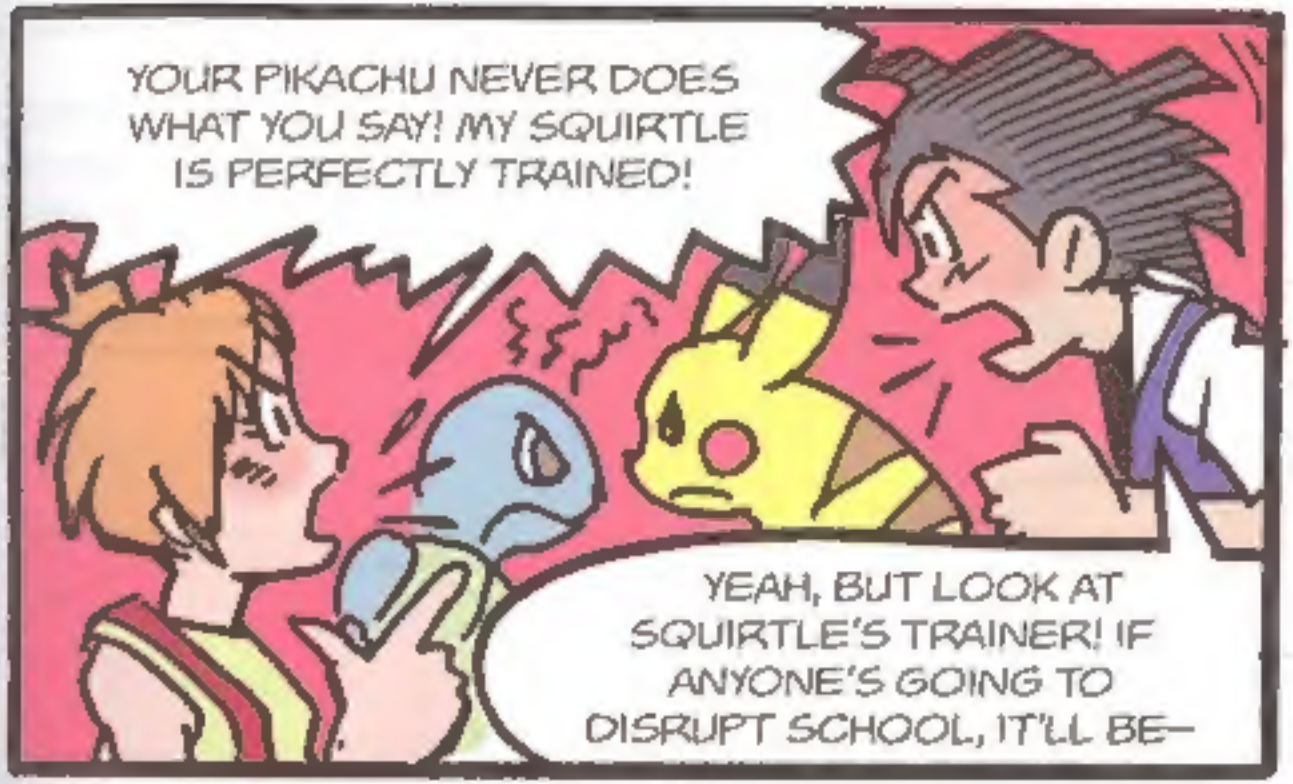
PIKACHU COULDN'T... BULBASAUR COULDN'T... BUT YOU CAN DEFEAT THAT STARMIE, CHARMANDER!
THAT'S IT! THE STARMIE'S WEAKENING AT LAST!
CHARRR
WE DID IT! WE FINALLY DID IT! WE CAUGHT A WILD STARMIE!
CHAR
HEY, ASH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY BACKYARD?
...AND HAVE YOU SEEN MY STARMIE ANYWHERE?
PUMP!
SO... CAUGHT ANY POKÉMON LATELY?
SOLVE THIS POKÉ MAZE!
BONUS: WHAT POKÉMON IS THIS MAZE SHAPED LIKE?
ENTER
EXIT
SEND YOUR POKÉ-FAN ART TO:
"POKÉMON NEWSPAPER STRIP"
P.O. BOX 77064
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107-1612

POKÉMON
MOM WON'T MIND, AFTER ALL, IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE!
WAHAHA! POT HOLDERS! THE PERFECT PROTECTION FROM CHARMANDER'S FIRE BLASTS! READY? SET? GO!
ZAK!
DUCK!
SPOOOSH!
BLORB
THEY CHANGED THE CAST ON ME...
NO THUNDERSHOCK! NO THUNDERSHOCK!


POKÉMON
PHEW! AFTER POKÉMON TRAINING ACADEMY, REGULAR SCHOOL WILL BE A SNAP, PIKACHU!
PIKA
...AND POKÉMON TRAINERS ARE ALLOWED TO BRING POKÉMON TO SCHOOL ONLY IF THEY AREN'T DISRUPTIVE!
YOU HEAR THAT, ASH? YOU BETTER PUT AWAY THAT CRAZY PIKACHU OF YOURS!
HEY! IT'S YOUR SQUIRTLE WHO'S THE "DISRUPTIVE" ONE!


YOUR PIKACHU NEVER DOES WHAT YOU SAY! MY SQUIRTLE IS PERFECTLY TRAINED!
YEAH, BUT LOOK AT SQUIRTLE'S TRAINER! IF ANYONE'S GOING TO DISRUPT SCHOOL, IT'LL BE—

POKÉ-PUZZLE

CAN YOU FIND 13 POKÉMON HIDDEN IN THIS PUZZLE? SEARCH UP, DOWN, FORWARD, BACKWARD, AND DIAGONALLY! ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

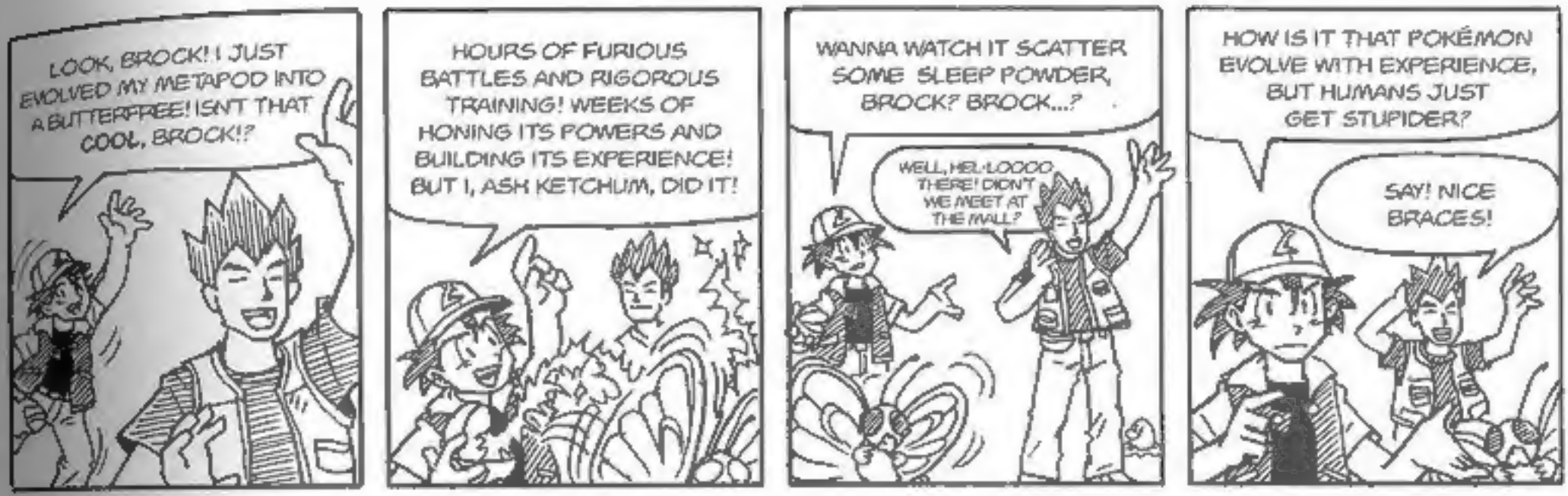
P I K M E L O G
I A U K N Y J Y
K K R A B B Y S
A R C A N I N E
C L E E S A X A
H B W R K R I D
U E E E V B N R
M A Z A K A L A

PIKACHU! GET IN YOUR POKÉ BALL!
PIKA!
YOU'RE A POKÉMON AND I'M YOUR TRAINER AND YOU HAVE TO GO INTO THAT POKÉ BALL WHEN I TELL YOU TO! YOU'VE GOT 10 SECONDS! ONE... TWO...
ZAK
PIKA
MAYBE I NEED TO PUT A LITTLE MORE AUTHORITY INTO MY VOICE...
Pikachu

CAN YOU FIND...PIDGEOTTO?

CAN YOU FIND...RATTATA?

ASH, YOUR PIKACHU IS SO BADLY TRAINED... RUNNING AROUND LOOSE ALL THE TIME! PUT IT IN ITS POKÉ BALL!
IT WON'T GO.
YOU'RE A POKÉMON TRAINER! GROW UP AND ORDER PIKACHU TO GET INTO ITS BALL!
YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT, MISTY! I AM A-
ZAK
ZAK
-BADLY TRAINED POKÉMON TRAINER.
PIKA!


LOOK, BROCK! I JUST EVOLVED MY METAPOD INTO A BUTTERFREE! ISN'T THAT COOL, BROCK!?
HOURS OF FURIOUS BATTLES AND RIGOROUS TRAINING! WEEKS OF HONING ITS POWERS AND BUILDING ITS EXPERIENCE! BUT I, ASH KETCHUM, DID IT!
WANNA WATCH IT SCATTER SOME SLEEP POWDER, BROCK? BROCK...?
WELL, HEL-LOOOO THERE! DIDN'T WE MEET AT THE MALL?
HOW IS IT THAT POKÉMON EVOLVE WITH EXPERIENCE, BUT HUMANS JUST GET STUPIDER?
SAY! NICE BRACES!

CAN YOU FIND...DIGLETT?

CAN YOU FIND...HORSEA?

IT DRIVES ME CRAZY! I SHOW BROCK MY NEWLY EVOLVED BUTTERFREE AND HE JUST FLIRTS WITH SOME STUPID GIRL!
SO MANY COOL POKÉMON AND ALL HE CARES ABOUT ARE GIRLS! I MEAN, WHAT GOOD ARE GIRLS!?
SPLASH!
I MUST BE MISSING SOMETHING...

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'M THE POKÉMON TRAINER HERE! I CAN'T BE AFRAID OF MY OWN POKÉMON'S THUNDERSHOCKS!
I'M GOING TO TELL PIKACHU TO GET INTO THAT POKÉ BALL LIKE A WELL-BEHAVED POKÉMON SHOULD—AND THAT'S THAT!
OKAY, PIKACHU, FOR THE LAST TIME...
BZZZ
Bzzz
...DO YOU WANT MOIST POKÉ CHOW OR DRY POKÉ CHOW...?
PIKA!
AND DON'T LOOK SO SMUG...

CAN YOU FIND...VILEPLUME?

CAN YOU FIND...VOLTORB?

OKAY... I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD FEAR! I CAN TAKE THE WORST PIKACHU CAN DISH OUT!
ELECTROCUTE ME ALL YOU WANT, PIKACHU! I'M YOUR POKÉMON TRAINER...
...AND I'M TELLING YOU TO GET IN THAT POKÉ BALL, NOW!
I HATE SECRET WEAPONS...
PIKA-CHU!!!

ACK! A GIANT HORSEA!
PIKACHU-THUNDERSHOCK!
M-MISTY...?
Pika!
I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU...
...WHAT YOU THINK OF MY HALLOWEEN COSTUME...
YOU KIDDING? I CAN HARDLY TELL WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE!
CHU

CAN YOU FIND...IVYSAUR?

CAN YOU FIND...BLASTOISE?

LESS THAN A WEEK TILL HALLOWEEN--AND I DON'T HAVE A THING TO WEAR!
WELL, I CAN PULL THIS OFF... HA! THIS IS GONNA BE GREAT!
WELL, MISTY? WHADDYA THINK?
WOW! GREAT!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A FEW MONTHS LATE TO BE PLAYING EASTER BUNNY?

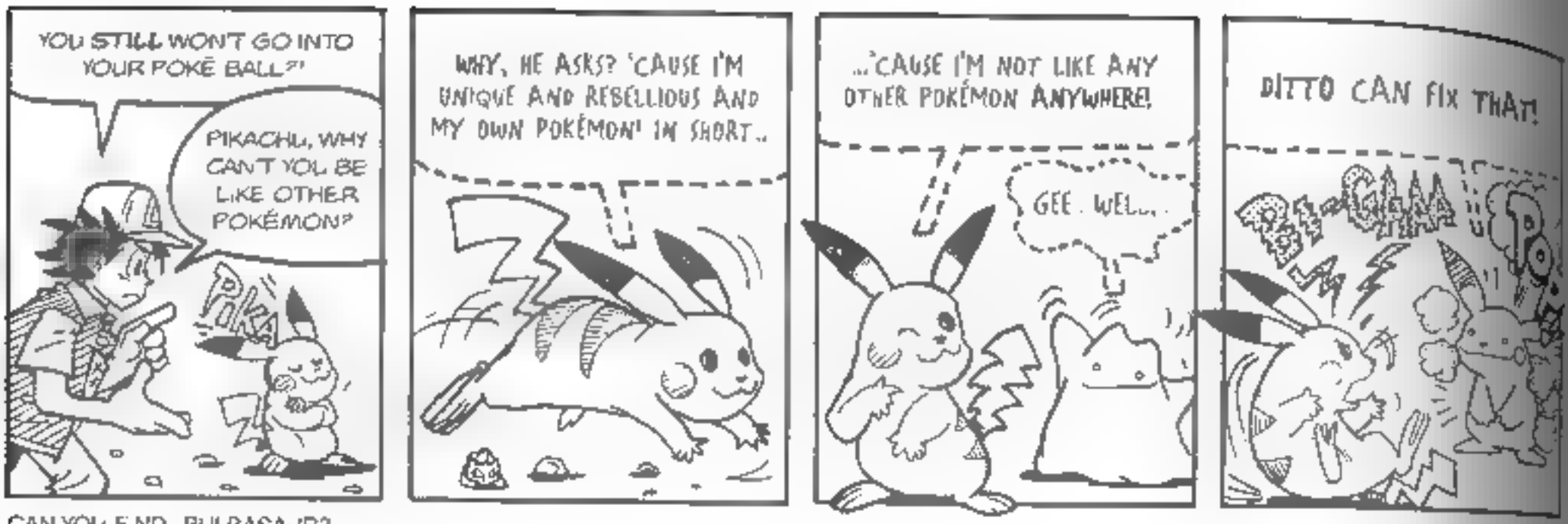
CAN YOU FIND ZAPDOS?

CAN YOU FIND AERODACTYL?

AHH S POKE MON ARE DRIVING ME NSANE IF COULD JUST GE T A MOMENT S REST !
JIGGLY PUFFFFF
GOOD TO SEE MY MOM TAKING A NAP WHEN SHE WAKE S UP MAYBE SHE WON'T BE SO DOWN ON MY POKE MON ANYMORE
ZZZ
AND ON WALL STREE T TODAY
WHILE SLOVAKIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL
PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
THE SECRET OF LIFE S KNOWING WHEN TO PULL OUT THE EARPLUGS
AND THAT'S A SMACK-DOWN FOR THE REIGN-ING POKÉMON TOURNA-MENT CHAMPION!!

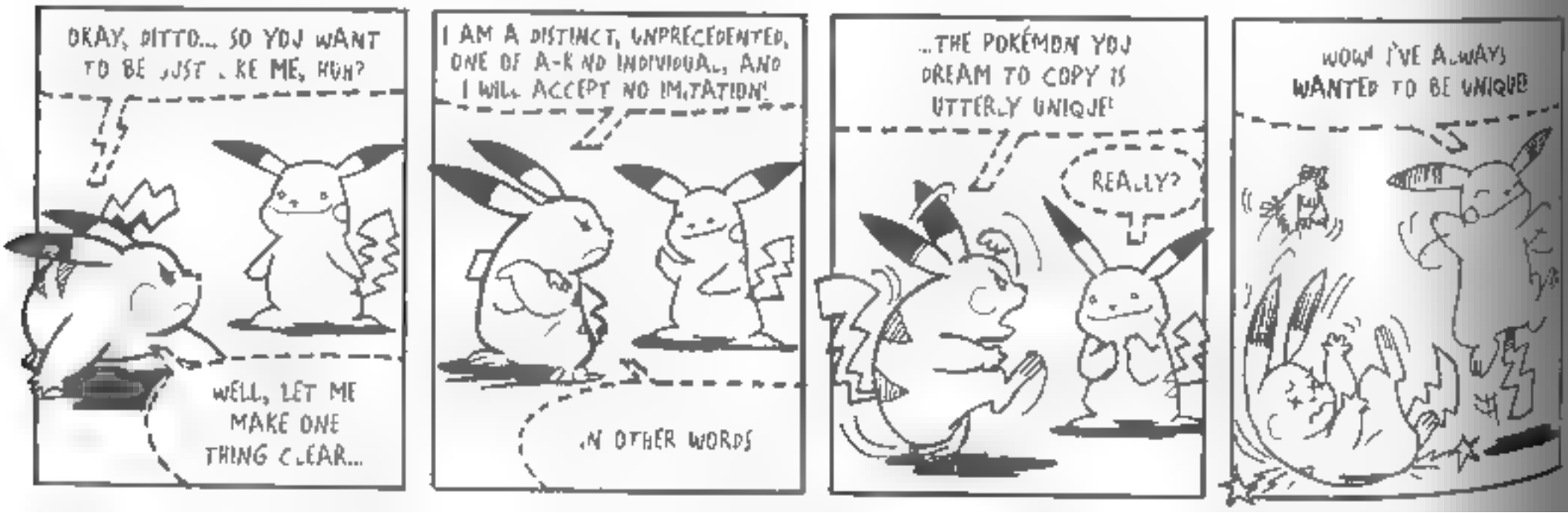
CAN YOU FIND THE DOUBLE?

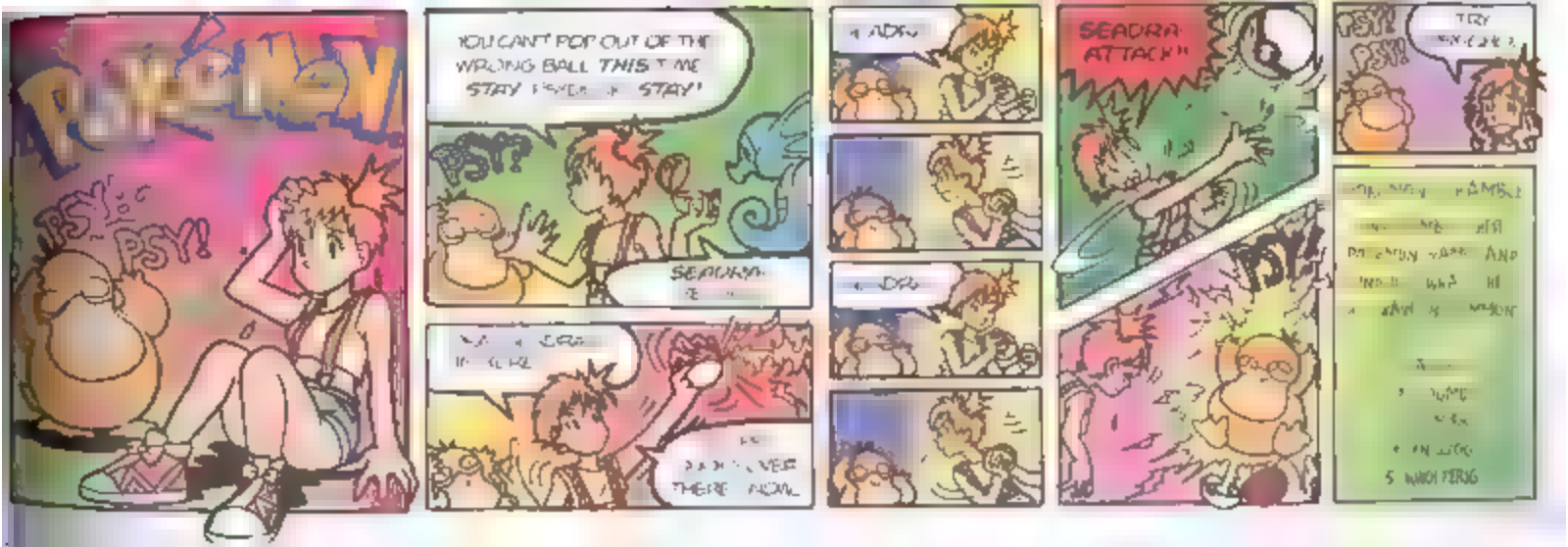
WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR, ASH?
GEE, MOM, I'M THANKFUL FOR
ACK! JIGGLYPUFF, NO!
JIGGLYPUFF
Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
THAT'S THE THANKFUL
Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

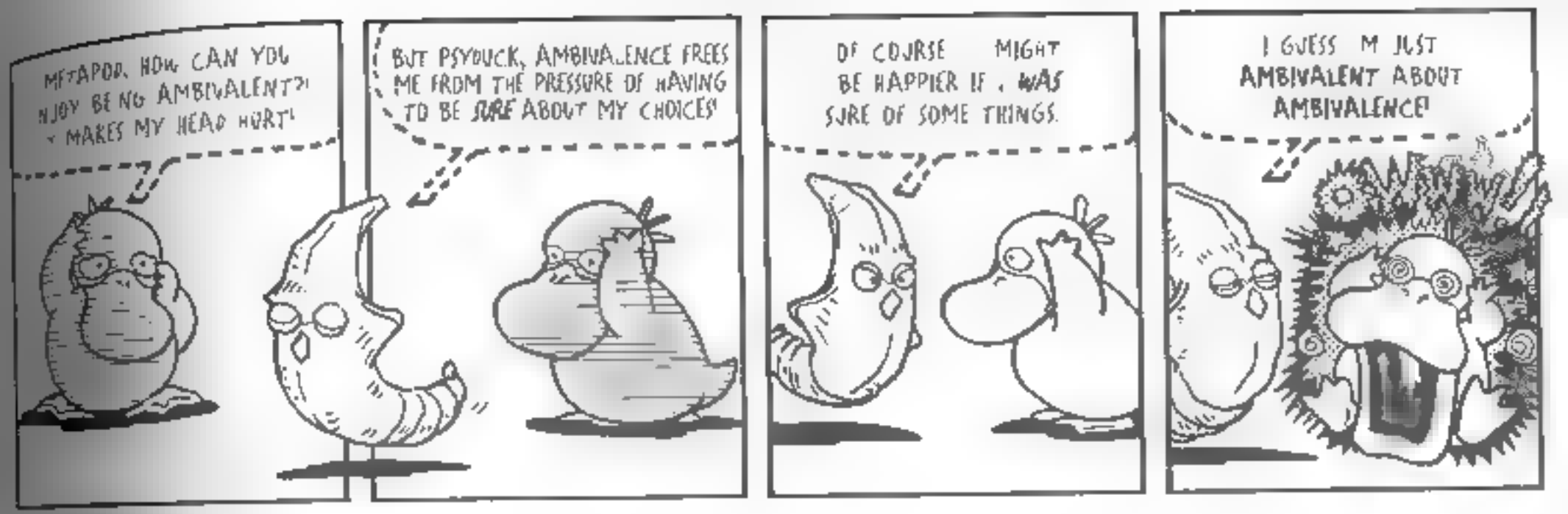

YOU STILL WON'T GO INTO YOUR POKÉ BALL?!
PIKACHU, WHY CAN'T YOU BE LIKE OTHER POKÉMON?
PIKA
WHY, HE ASKS? 'CAUSE I'M UNIQUE AND REBELLIOUS AND MY OWN POKÉMON! IN SHORT..
...'CAUSE I'M NOT LIKE ANY OTHER POKÉMON ANYWHERE!
GEE. WELL...
DITTO CAN FIX THAT!

CAN YOU F ND. BULBASAUR?

CAN YOU FIND. PIDGEY?

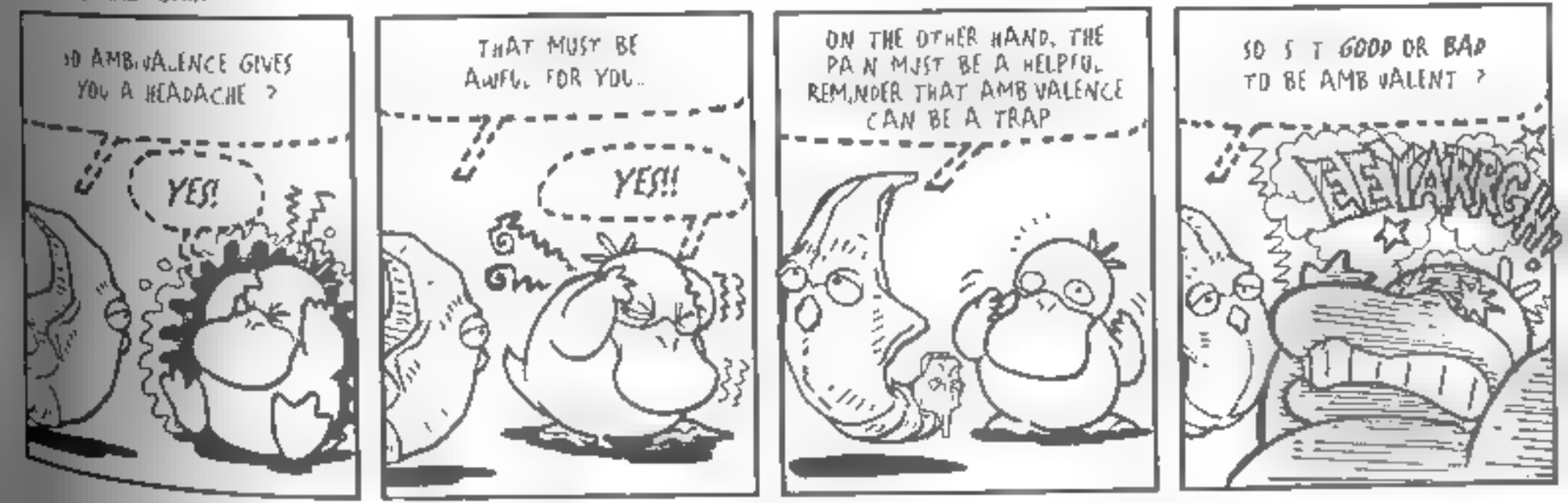

OKAY, DITTO... SO YOU WANT TO BE JUST LIKE ME, HUH?
WELL, LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...
I AM A DISTINCT, UNPRECEDENTED, ONE OF A-KIND INDIVIDUAL, AND I WILL ACCEPT NO IMITATION!
IN OTHER WORDS
...THE POKÉMON YOU DREAM TO COPY IS UTTERLY UNIQUE!
REALLY?
WOW! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE UNIQUE

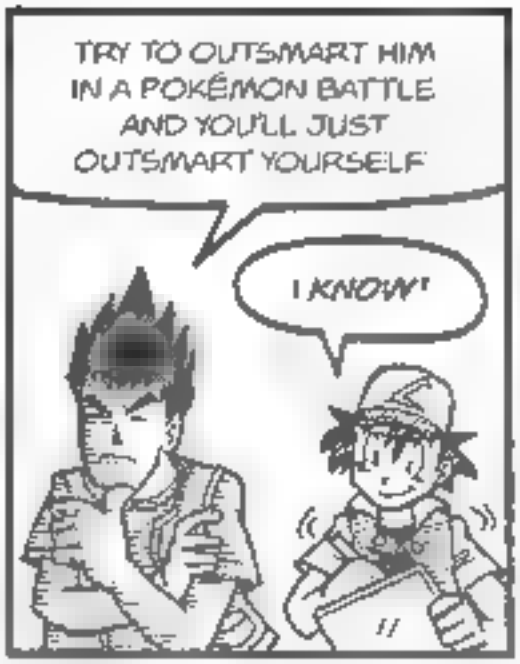

PSY...
PSY!
YOU CAN'T POP OUT OF THE WRONG BALL THIS TIME STAY
SEADRA
SEADRA ATTACK!!
PSY!
TRY


METAPOD, HOW CAN YOU NJOY BE NG AMBIVALENT?! MAKES MY HEAD HURT!
BUT PSYDUCK, AMBIVALENCE FREES ME FROM THE PRESSURE OF HAVING TO BE SURE ABOUT MY CHOICES!
OF COURSE MIGHT BE HAPPIER IF . WAS SURE OF SOME THINGS.
I GUESS M JUST AMBIVALENT ABOUT AMBIVALENCE!

CAN YOU FIND CHARIZARD?

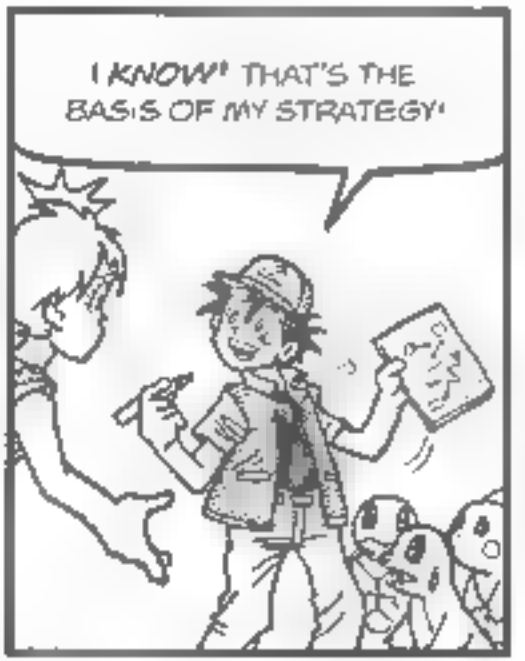
CAN YOU FIND ONIX?

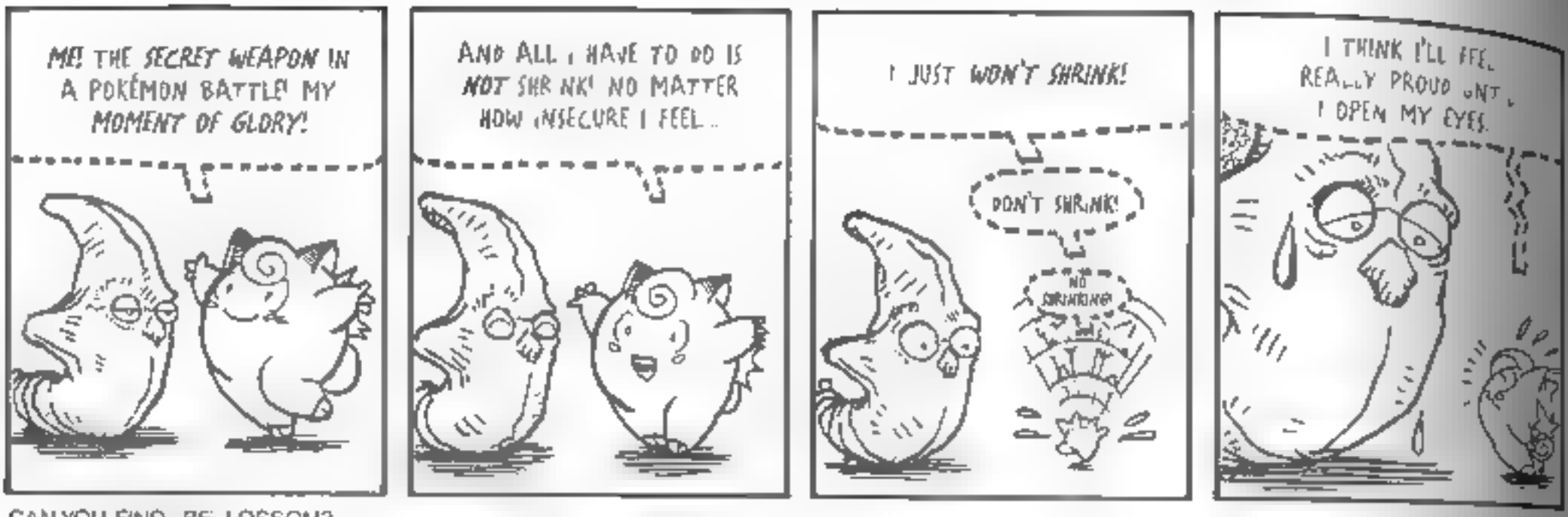

SO AMBIVALENCE GIVES YOU A HEADACHE ?
YES!
THAT MUST BE AWFUL FOR YOU..
YES!!
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PAIN MUST BE A HELPFUL REMINDER THAT AMBIVALENCE CAN BE A TRAP
SO IS IT GOOD OR BAD TO BE AMBIVALENT ?
YEEYAARGH!



-N YOU FIND HYPNO?

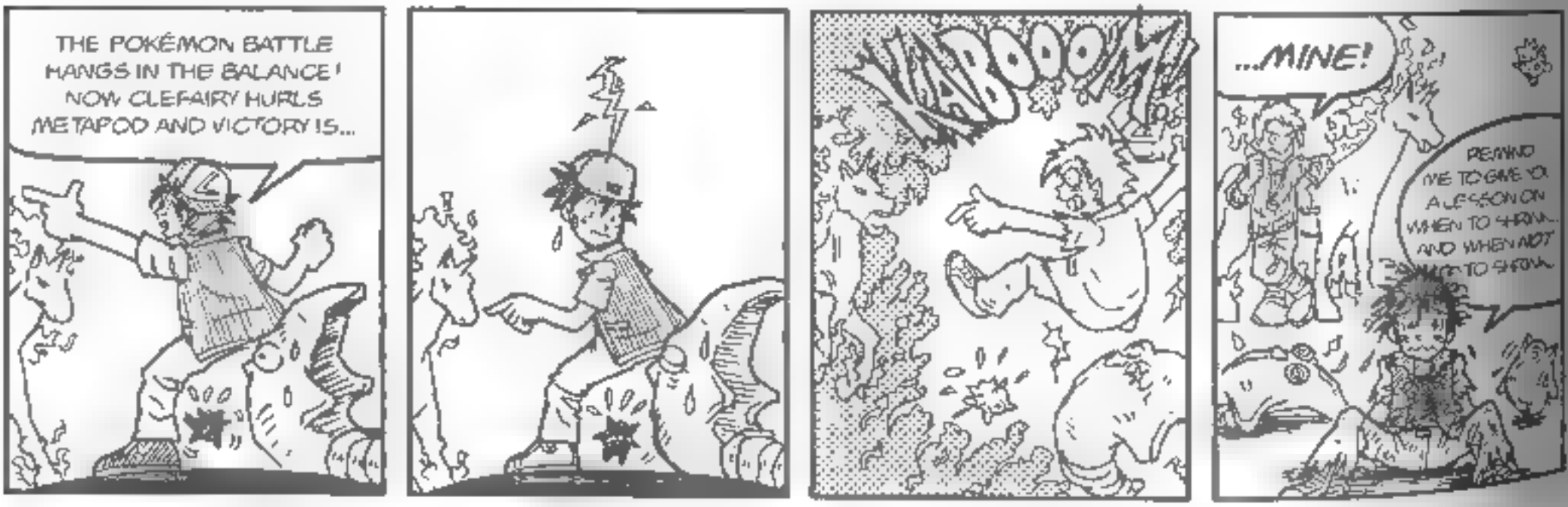
-N YOU FIND DODRIO?

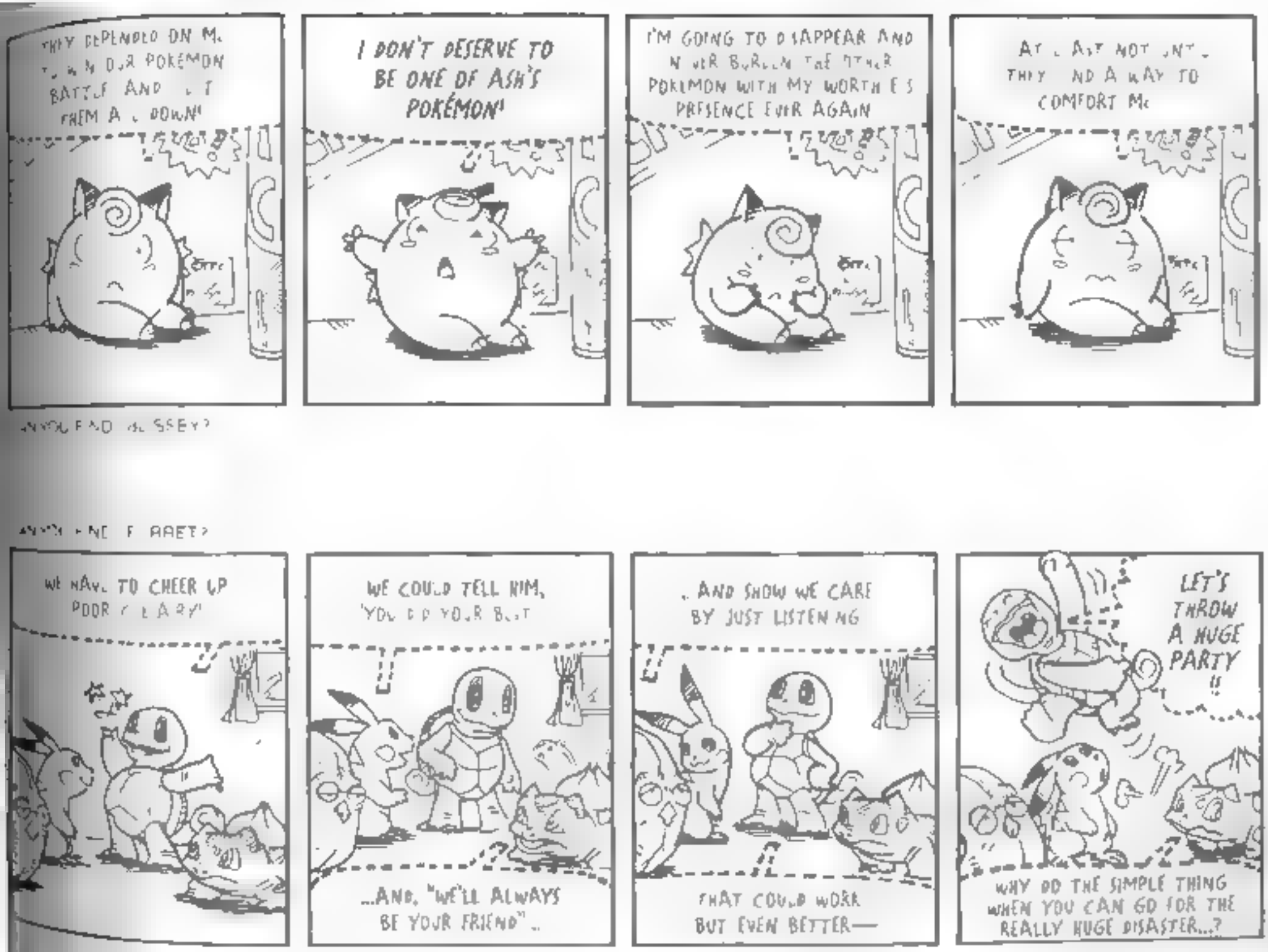



ME! THE SECRET WEAPON IN A POKÉMON BATTLE! MY MOMENT OF GLORY!
AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS NOT SHRINK! NO MATTER HOW INSECURE I FEEL...
I JUST WON'T SHRINK!
DON'T SHRINK!
NO SHRINKING!
I THINK I'LL FEEL REALLY PROUD WHEN I OPEN MY EYES.

CAN YOU FIND BELLOSSOM?

CAN YOU FIND TOGEPI?


THE POKÉMON BATTLE HANGS IN THE BALANCE! NOW CLEFAIRY HURLS METAPOD AND VICTORY IS...
BOOM!
...MINE!
REMIND ME TO GIVE YOU A LESSON ON WHEN TO SHRINK AND WHEN NOT TO SHRINK

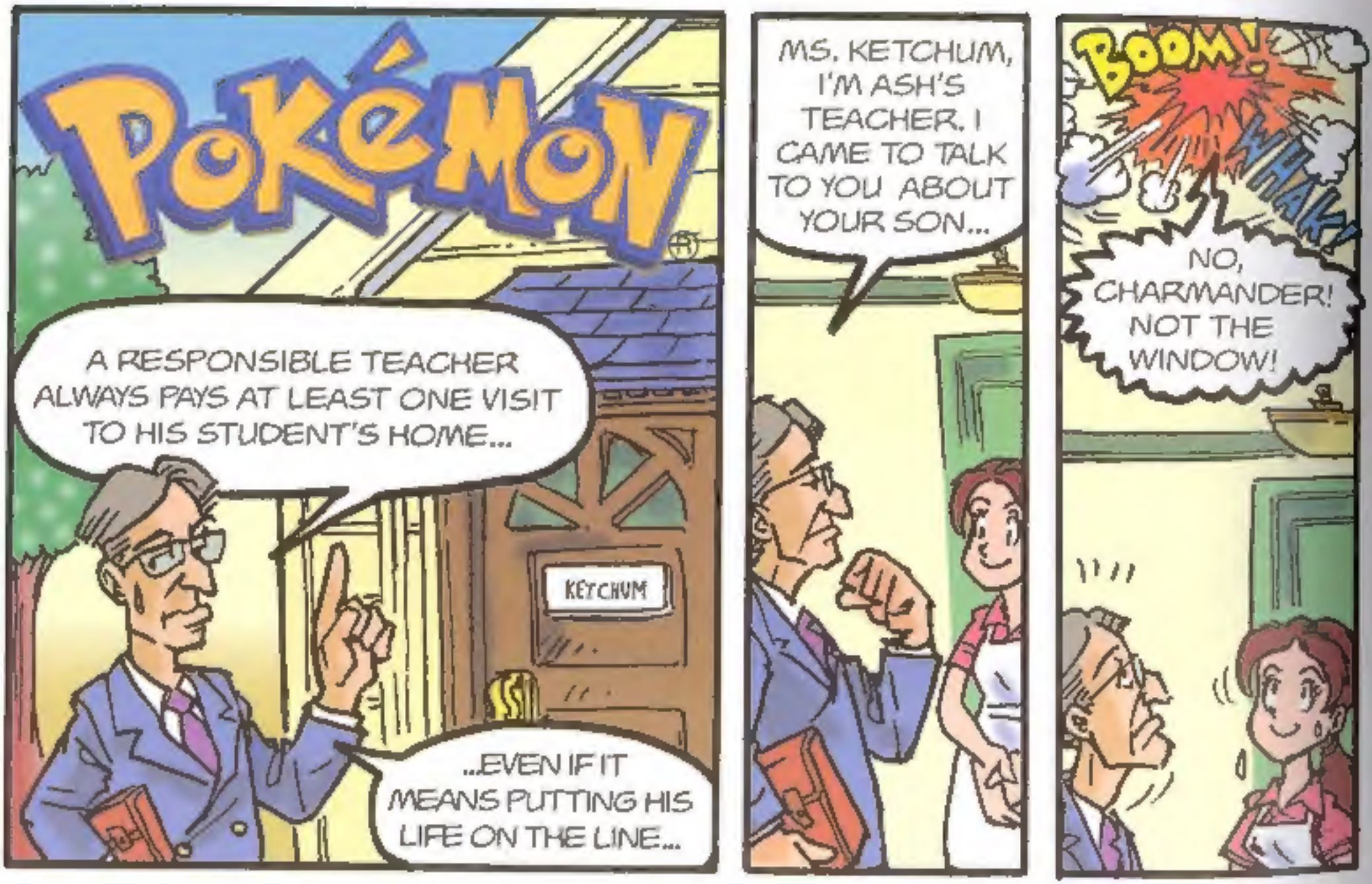

THEY DEPENDED ON ME TO WIN OUR POKÉMON BATTLE AND I LET THEM ALL DOWN!
I DON'T DESERVE TO BE ONE OF ASH'S POKÉMON!
I'M GOING TO DISAPPEAR AND NEVER BURDEN THE OTHER POKÉMON WITH MY WORTHLESS PRESENCE EVER AGAIN
AT LAST NOT ONLY THEY FOUND A WAY TO COMFORT ME
...YOU FOUND ME, SISSY?
WE HAVE TO CHEER UP POOR LITTLE MARY!
WE COULD TELL HIM, "YOU DID YOUR BEST
...AND, "WE'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND"...
...AND SHOW WE CARE BY JUST LISTENING
THAT COULD WORK BUT EVEN BETTER—
LET'S THROW A HUGE PARTY!!
WHY DO THE SIMPLE THING WHEN YOU CAN GO FOR THE REALLY HUGE DISASTER...?

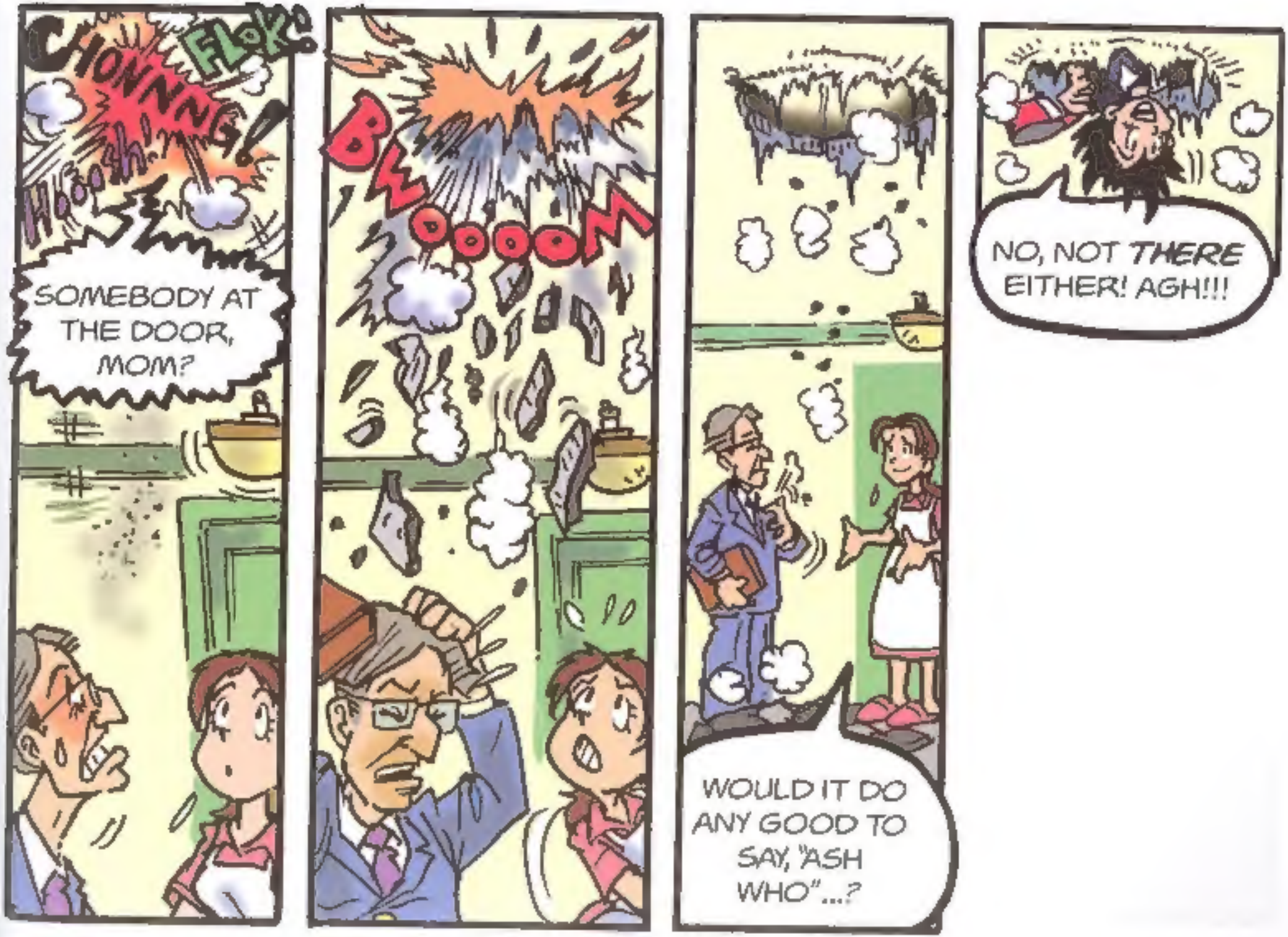
ALL THE OTHER POKÉMON ARE EXCLUDING ME BECAUSE THEY HATE ME!
BUT WHO CARE,? IT'S NOT LIKE THOSE GUYS EVER DO ANYTHING FUN!
HEY, CLEFAIRY, ARE YOU COMING TO THE B.G POKE PARTY? IT'S GONNA BE THE BEST EVER
WAAAAAAH!

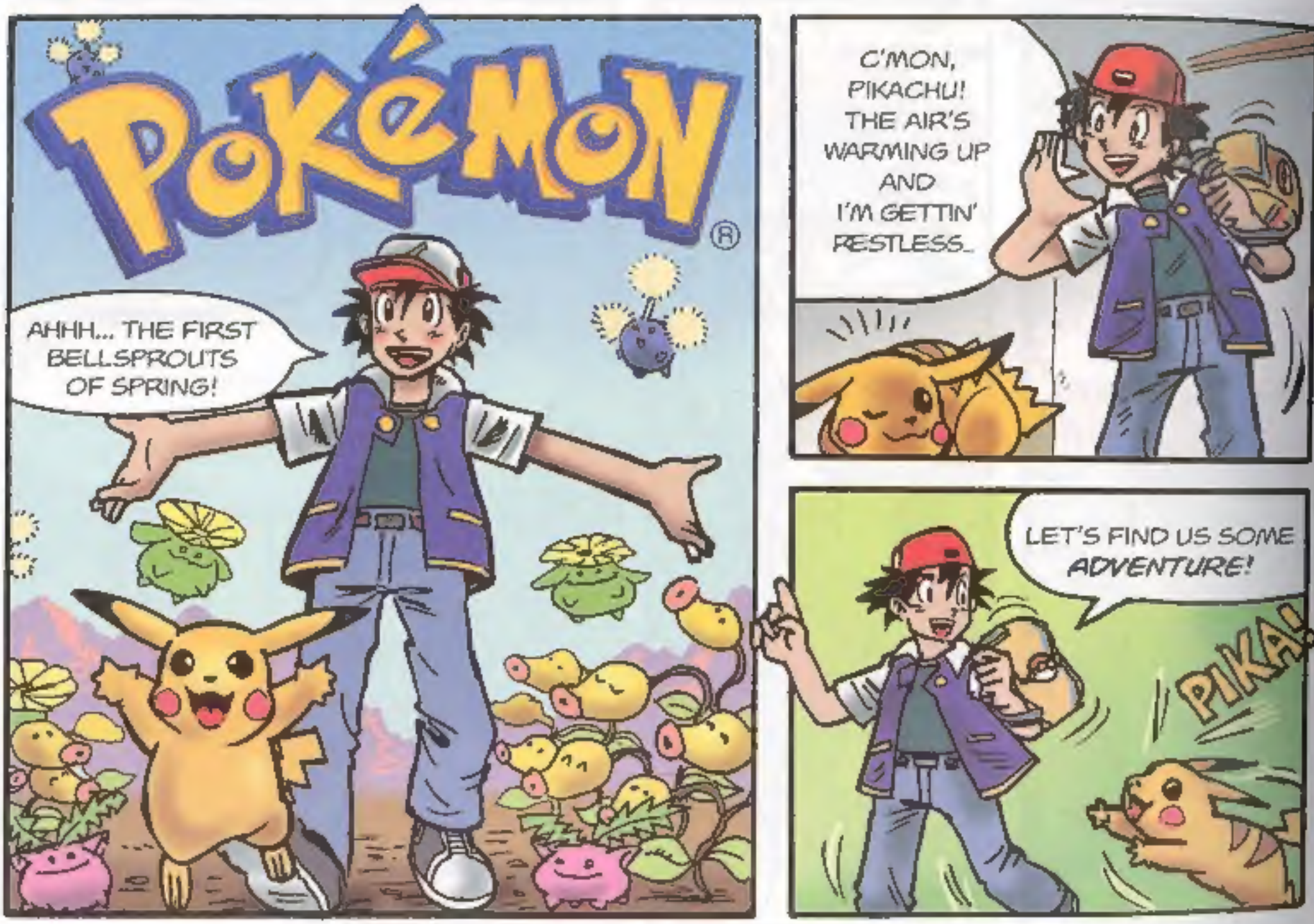
CAN YOU F ND UNOWN?

CAN YOU FIND AZULMARI ?

We Love You CLEFAIRY
AT AT EVERYTH NG READY FOR AIRY'S B.G PAR Y
We Love You CLEFAIRY
BUT IT ST L FEELS LIKE SOMETH NG'S M SS NG!
We Love You! CLEFAIRY
WHAT'S MISSING?! WHAT? WHAT? WHAT?
CLEFAIRY, MAYBE?
We Love You! CLE AIRY
AAAAH!


POKÉMON
A RESPONSIBLE TEACHER ALWAYS PAYS AT LEAST ONE VISIT TO HIS STUDENT'S HOME...
KETCHUM
...EVEN IF IT MEANS PUTTING HIS LIFE ON THE LINE...
MS. KETCHUM, I'M ASH'S TEACHER. I CAME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR SON...
BOOM!
WHAK!
NO, CHARMANDER! NOT THE WINDOW!


CHONNNG!
FLOK
H'ooo'sh!
SOMEBODY AT THE DOOR, MOM?
BWOOOOOM
WOULD IT DO ANY GOOD TO SAY, "ASH WHO"...?
NO, NOT THERE EITHER! AGH!!!


POKÉMON
AHHH... THE FIRST BELLSPROUTS OF SPRING!
C'MON, PIKACHU! THE AIR'S WARMING UP AND I'M GETTIN' RESTLESS.
LET'S FIND US SOME ADVENTURE!
PIKA!

WHAT DO YOU S'POSE WILL HAPPEN NEXT, PIKACHU? WILL WE BATTLE TEAM ROCKET? DISCOVER NEW POKÉMON? MEET OLD FRIENDS IN NEW PLACES?
WELL, I GUESS WE WON'T BE SEEING YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS ANYMORE...
...BUT I KNOW WE'LL NEVER STOP HAVING NEW ADVENTURES!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT! SEE YOU IN THE CARTOONS, COMIC BOOKS, GRAPHIC NOVELS, AND EVERYWHERE POKÉMON LIVE! BYE FOR NOW!